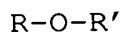


## CLAIMS

1. A cosmetic composition, characterized in that it comprises, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, at least one surfactant base, at least one saturated linear fatty alcohol with a long chain containing 22 carbon atoms, at least one saturated linear fatty alcohol with a long chain containing 18 carbon atoms and at least one opacifier and/or pearlescent agent, the C18 fatty alcohol/C22 fatty alcohol ratio being greater than 0.15.

2. The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the pearlescent agents and/or opacifiers are chosen from:

A) fatty dialkyl ethers which are solid at a temperature of less than or equal to about 30°C such as, for example, the dialkyl ethers of formula (I):



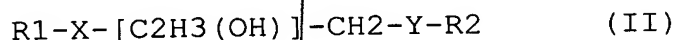
(I)

in which:

R and R', which may be identical or different, denote a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched alkyl radical comprising from 12 to 30 carbon atoms and preferably from 14 to 24 carbon atoms, R and R' being chosen such that the compound of formula (I) is solid at a temperature of less than or equal to about 30°C. More particularly, R and R' are identical.

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B) alcohols containing from 27 to 48 carbon atoms and comprising one or two ether and/or thioether or sulfoxide groups corresponding to formula (II):



5 in which

R1 and R2 denote, independently of each other, linear C12 to C24 alkyl groups;

X denotes an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or a sulfoxide or methylene group;

10 Y denotes an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or a sulfoxide or methylene group;

when Y denotes a methylene group, the sum of the number of carbon atoms present in the groups R1 and R2 has a value ranging from 24 to 44 and preferably from 28 to 40

15 inclusive;

when Y does not denote a methylene group, the sum of the carbon atoms present in the groups R1 and R2 has a value ranging from 24 to 44 and preferably from 28 to 40 inclusive;

20 when X or Y denotes sulfoxide, Y or X does not denote sulfur.

C) acyl derivatives.

25 3. The composition as claimed in either of claims 1 and 2, characterized in that the pearlescent agents and/or opacifiers are chosen from:

A) distearyl ether,

B) compounds of formula (II) for which X denotes oxygen, Y denotes methylene and R1 and R2 denote radicals containing 12 to 22 carbon atoms,

5 C) ethylene glycol distearate.

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4. The composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the saturated linear fatty alcohol containing 22 carbon atoms represents from 0.5% to 10% by weight, preferably from 0.5% to 5% by weight and even more preferentially from 0.5% to 3% by weight, relative to the total weight of the final composition.

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5. The composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the saturated linear fatty alcohol containing 18 carbon atoms represents from 0.3% to 10% by weight, preferably from 0.5% to 5% by weight and even more preferentially from 0.5% to 3% by weight, relative to the total weight of the final composition.

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6. The composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the C18 fatty alcohol/C22 fatty alcohol ratio is between 0.2 and 20, especially between 0.25 and 10 and preferably between 0.3 and 5.

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7. The composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the opacifier and/or  
25 pearlescent agent represents from 0.5% to 15% by weight and

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preferably from 1% to 5% by weight, relative to the total weight of the final composition.

5 8. The composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the surfactant base is present at between 1% and 60% by weight, preferably between 3% and 40% and even more preferentially between 5% and 30%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

10 9. The composition as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it also comprises at least one conditioner.

15 10. The composition as claimed in the preceding claim, characterized in that the conditioner is chosen from poly- $\alpha$ -olefins, fluoro oils, fluoro waxes, fluoro gums, carboxylic acid esters, silicones, cationic polymers, mineral, plant or animal oils, ceramides and pseudoceramides, and mixtures thereof.

20 11. The composition as claimed in the preceding claim, characterized in that the conditioners represent from 0.001% to 10% by weight, preferably from 0.005% to 5% by weight and even more preferentially from 0.01% to 3% by weight, relative to the total weight of the composition.

25 12. The composition as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it is in the form of a gel, a milk, a cream, a more or less thickened lotion or a mousse.

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13. The composition as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it constitutes a foaming detergent composition such as shampoos, shower gels and bubble baths.

5 14. The use of at least one saturated linear fatty alcohol with a long chain containing 22 carbon atoms, at least one saturated linear fatty alcohol with a long chain containing 18 carbon atoms and at least one opacifier and/or pearlescent agent, the C18 fatty alcohol/C22 fatty alcohol ratio being greater than 0.15, as a suspension agent for a conditioner which is insoluble in a cosmetic composition, in particular a foaming conditioning and washing composition containing, in a cosmetically acceptable aqueous medium, a surfactant base.

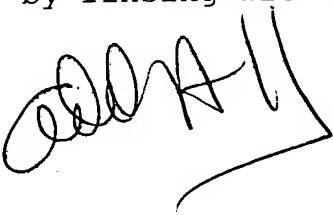
10 15. The use of at least one saturated linear fatty alcohol with a long chain containing 22 carbon atoms and at least one saturated linear fatty alcohol with a long chain containing 18 carbon atoms, the C18 fatty alcohol/C22 fatty alcohol ratio being greater than 0.15, to give a pearlescent effect to, and/or to improve the pearlescent effect of, compositions comprising at least one opacifier and/or pearlescent agent and optionally at least one surfactant base.

20 16. The use of at least one saturated linear fatty alcohol with a long chain containing 22 carbon atoms, at least one saturated linear fatty alcohol with a long

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chain containing 18 carbon atoms, the C18 fatty alcohol/C22 fatty alcohol ratio being greater than 0.15, and an opacifier and/or pearlescent agent, as a pearlescent agent.

- 5 17. A cosmetic process for treating keratin materials, in particular the hair, characterized in that it consists in applying to said materials a composition as defined in any one of claims 1 to 13, optionally followed by rinsing with water.



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